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Holiday Tips for Waste Reduction and Recycling

The holidays is often a time when we do a lot of shopping, entertaining and traveling. If we follow a few simple practices we can prevent this time of great cheer from being a time of overflowing trash cans and wasted resources. Here's some easy ways to help the environment around the holidays;

*Purchase Christmas cards made from recycled paper with the highest post-consumer content you can find.

*Don't forget to keep a few canvas or string bags in the car to use for all of your holiday shopping.

*Make this the year you do without wrapping paper. Use the comics, an inexpensive new towel, scarf, decorator tin or box instead. Your wrapping becomes part of the gift, not more holiday trash.

*If you must use wrapping paper, choose a reusable gift bag that the recipient can save to give again or choose gift wrap made from recycled paper.

*Give reusable gifts to friends and relatives on your list such as reusable drink cups, refillable pens, reusable coffee mugs, canvas shopping bags or a reusable lunchbox or bag.

*Buy gifts with post-consumer recycled content for everyone on your shopping list. There are many specialty stores and catalogues which carry items that utilize collected recyclables as a raw material in their manufacture. They include items such as T-shirts and sweaters made from soda bottles, shoes made from a mix of post-consumer recyclables and manufacturing waste, jewelry made from discarded materials and much more!

*Use only reusable decorations for your holiday tree. Don't use tinsel or other decorations which are hard to take off and use again.

*Once the holidays are over send your old Christmas cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. They will trim the cards and paste them on to new backs.

* Purchase a "composting kit" for a friend who loves working in the yard. Include a pitchfork, a commercial compost bin (or 4 wooden or metal stakes and a roll of chicken wire), a composting thermometer, a book on composting and a copy of CT DEP's 17-minute video, "Turning Your Spoils To Soil" (a great bargain at \$10.).

* Purchase a mulching mower kit and a copy of CT DEP's 11- minute video, "Don't Trash Grass!" (also only \$10.) , for a friend who spends lots of time on lawn upkeep.



CRRA Establishes Computer Bulletin Board for "Trash Tips"

The Wallingford Office of the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRA), recently established a computer bulletin board which offers trash tips and other information related to solid waste issues. Information is organized into eight main topic areas including: consumer tips, recycling, landfills, legislation, education, etc.. The bulletin board was designed by John Laton, an enforcement officer for the authority. The service incorporates information gathered from waste organizations, the federal and state governments, and trade associations and puts it in one easily accessible place. Many publications (including this newsletter) are available through this service. Users can also learn the landfill hours in various towns and the types of items accepted.

The program was started to inexpensively educate a large number of people about waste related issues. According to CRRA's Wallingford project manager, David Chrzanski, the cost to start and run the program is about \$5,000. Computer users who want to log on to the bulletin board must have a modem. The telephone number is (203) 269-1764.

CRC Holds Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

The Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC) held it's Annual Meeting and awards ceremony on Thursday, September 22, 1994. In addition to an annual business meeting, the program featured a forum with the candidates for Governor and an awards ceremony. The awards were presented to the following individuals and agencies by Kimberly Trella, Recycling Coordinator for Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection:

Best Large City Recycling Program

City of New Haven

Honorable Mention

City of Danbury

Best Business Recycling Program

Southern New England Telephone

Best Institutional Recycling Program- Yale University

Best Community/Non-Profit Recycling Program- Ecology Club of

Montville

Best Individual Recycler

Briggs Baugh of Greenwich

Best Buy Recycled Program

City of Waterbury

Best Market Development Program

Recycling Market Development Task Force



Upcoming Meetings

1995 US/Canadian Federation Solid Waste Management Conference will take place on January 16-20, 1995 at The Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. . For more information contact SWANA, P.O. Box 7219, Silver Spring, MD 20907-7219, telephone- (301) 585-0297.

"Options For Texas '95", the Texas Municipal Solid Waste Management Conference will be held at the Austin Convention Center on January 25-27, 1995. For more information, call (512) 239-6326.

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